assistance to small and marginal fanners particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.'Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production is in operation since 1983-84 in all the 5047 blocks of the country including Tamil Nadu.

During VII Five Year Plan period (upto September, 1989) Tamil Nadu has constructed about 14260 wells / dugwells / tubewells and installed 54710 pumpsets / diesel engines / electric motors. Tamil Nadu has also distributed in all 9.34 lakh minikits of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse grains and about 38.5 thousand hectares have been developed under the Scheme.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Setting up of National Agricultural Credit Relief Fnnd

1768. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modalities for the setting up of National Agricultural Credit Relief Fund, which was announced by the Prime Minister in his last Budget Speech, have been finalised so far; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and if not, the reasons for delay and by when the fund would be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) The modalities for setting up the National Agricultural Credit Relief Fund, which was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech in 1988 are still under consideration of the Government. Views of State Governments / U.Ts' are still awaited.

Setting up of the National Land Revenue Commission

1769. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to statei

(a) whether the Conference of the Revenue Ministers was held on 20th December, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the Conference proposed the setting up of National Land Revenue Commission and "what are the other suggestions made and how many of them have been accepted; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A Conference of Revenue Ministers was held on 20th December, 1988. This Conference reviewed the progress of implementation of various land reforms measures. The consensus arrived at in the conference has reiterated the suggestions and recommendations on various points contained in consensus of earlier conferences held in 1985 and 1986 besides those covering certain other aspects of various land reforms measures, revenue administration, land records management etc.

The conference specifically supported the proposal to constitute a National Revenue Commission to comprehensively look into various aspects of reorganisation of the Revenue Administration besides welcoming the idea of setting up a National level institution tQ under-take on a continuing basis research and evaluation of land reform programmes.

In order to give a sharper thrust to certain areas of land reforms programmes, in the 8th Plan, the conference suggested that identification of informal tenants and share-croppers and bringing them on record with a view to confer rights on them, detection of cases of tribal land alienation and restoration of alienated land to them, allotment of land to women beneficiaries, verification of possession over land in respect of allottees under different land allotment programmes, providing development assistance to SC / ST allottees of land and also organisation of rural poor should be taken up on a target basis.

Since land is a State subject further action in pursuence of most items of this consensus has to be taken by the State Governments.

No decision has yet been taken in respect of some items in the consensus such as the setting up of the National Land Revenue Commission, which relate to the Central Government.

Maintenance of Government Quarters by CPWD

1770. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether previously CPWD was getting the construction work of Government flats done through Contractors and maintenance was done by appointment of Muster Roll Workers through employment exchanges;

(b) whether CPWD has stopped the practice, of getting the maintenance work done through Mustar Roll Workers and started making appointments of workers in CPWD Enquiries on HAND-RECEIPTS, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether practice of making appointment of workers on HAND-RECEIPTS has also been discontinued and the maintenance work is being done by CPWD Enquiries of Mehrauli Badarpur Road Housing Project, R.K. Puram, New Delhi (particularly of Vasant Vihar Government Complex), through the contractors mainly due to the reasons that CPWD pay to contractors more than Rs. 50/- per day per worker whereas the amount being paid to the workers actually is less than Rs. 30/- per day; if so, the details of amounts being paid to contractors for each category of workers; and

(d) whether Government propose to discontinue this system and to employ its own workers for the maintenance works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH), (a) Yes, it is a fact that CPWD has been getting construction work of Government flats done mainly through Contractors. Annual maintenance like white washing, painting etc. has also been got done through Contractors only. Day to day maintenance of the building and its services has. been got done through work charged staff of the CPWD supplemented by the Muster Roll staff wherever required.

(b) The practice of getting the maintenance work done through the Muster Roll Workers and work charged staff of the CPWD has not been stopped. After the Government imposed a ban on further employment of Muster Roll Workers, difficulty was experienced in carrying out day to day maintenance in some areas. Hence, some persons were engaged to carry out such works and they have been / are being paid on hand receipts.